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FIRST SESSION

MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE

TATE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

OCTOBER 14-16, 1921.

OFFICERS.

Moderator—B. F. Whitten.

Clerk and Treasurer—J. P. Stamps.

Next session to be held with Mt. Manna Church, beginning Friday, 10 A. M., October 13th, 1922.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—B. F. Whitten.

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ORGANIZATION.

Incident to a common desire and a concerted effort, all the Baptist Churches in Tate County obtained letter of dismisssion from the old Coldwater Association at its 1920 session for the express purpose of organizing a county association, and by mutual agreement appointed delegates to meet in the First Baptist Church of Senatobia at 10 A. M., October 24th, 1920, for said purpose. The meeting was called to order by B. F. Whitten and after devotional services an enrollment was perfected. Rev. J. R. Nutt was chosen as temporary moderator and a motion prevailed to go into permanent organization which resulted in the election of B. F. Whitten, Moderator, and V. M. Wait, Secretary. By motion it was ordered that this association shall be known as the Tate County Baptist Association and be guided in its deliberations by the same constitution and by-laws governing the old Coldwater Associations.

After the appointment of all necessary committees for the 1921 session it was unanimously agreed to accept invitation of the Hickory Grove Church to hold the first regular meeting there, beginning at 10 A. M., Friday, October 14th.

B. F. WHITTEN, Moderator.
V. M. WAIT, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Tate County Baptist Association convened for the first session at Hickory Grove, Friday, 10 A. M., October 14th, 1921.

In the absence of the Clerk, J. C. Stamps was chosen as Clerk Protem. Letters were called for and by motion the enrollment was perfected by the recognition of all present, knowing themselves to be messengers.

A motion then prevailed to suspend ballot rule, and elect all the officers by acclamation, which resulted in the election of B. F. Whitten, Moderator, and J. P. Stamps, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Preaching: Dr. M. C. Ellis, Dr. J. W. Crawford.

Digest of Letters: C. K. Avent, N. A. Spencer, L. F. Rogers.

Order of Business: M. S. Dougherty, Robert Embrey, K. A. Eoff.

Nominations: C. K. Avent, R. D. Jacobs, Mrs. J. H. Wallace.

Finance: F. E. Cotton, Walter Ingram.

The following visitors were duly recognized: Dr. R. B. Gunter, our State Mission Secretary; Dr. J. F. Farrow, Arkansas; Rev. J. L. Price, Moderator Coldwater Association; Mrs. M. F. Doughty, our District W. M. U. Worker.

At 11 A. M., Dr. Gunter delivered a very impressive address on our State Mission work. Adjourned.

1:30 P. M., Rev. W. A. Bruce led the devotional service. Prayer by Dr. M. C. Ellis.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. S. Dougherty and followed by an earnest and helpful discussion by himself, R. B. Gunter and J. L. Price.

Rev. W. A. Bruce read a most excellent report on Home Mission work and the same was discussed by Bro. Bruce, John DeShazo, Dr. J. W. Crawford, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett and R. B. Gunter. J. P. Stamps read the report on Laymen's work, which fairly bristled with valuable information and timely suggestions and was discussed by himself, R. B. Gunter, J. R. G. Hewlett, B. B. Miller and adopted. Adjourned.

7 P. M. After devotional services, a round table discussion on Associational Missions called forth very interesting talks by a number of our people, and placed deserved emphasis on the labors of our State Board in our own Association. At 8 o'clock Bro. J. R. G. Hewlett preached a most excellent sermon to a large and appreciative congregation.

Saturday, 10 A. M. The Moderator being absent at a funeral, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett presided. After an enjoyable devotional service the report on Ministerial Relief was read by Curtis Stevens and discussed by Bro. Stevens and others in a most helpful way. The report on Woman's work was read by Mrs. M. M. Powell and the report on Orphanage, by Mrs. J. H. Wallace, and both reports came in for spirited

discussion by Mrs. B. F. Whitten, J. P. Stamps, Will Crawford, John DeShazo and others.

At 11 A. M. Rev. W. A. Bruce preached a very enjoyable and impressive sermon. Adjourned.

1:30 P. M. After a brief devotional conducted by the Moderator, and prayer by Dr. R. D. Williams, C. K. Avent read a great report on B. Y. P. U. work, supplemented by a report of our own Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Encampment, which was held in the summer, and recommended that this body make such an encampment an annual event. These two reports produced most earnest and enthusiastic discussions in which C. K. Avent, L. F. Rogers, Mrs. B. F. Whitten, Dr. J. W. Crawford, Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Mrs. J. H. Wallace and Miss Lurlyne Hudson participated. After adoption a motion prevailed to appoint a committee of five on time, place and program of next encampment. The Moderator appointed M. S. Dougherty, C. K. Avent, R. D. Jacobs, Homer MetCalf and Sam C. Stevens as encampment committee.

Dr. R. D. Williams read report on our Baptist Memorial and Jackson Hospitals, and led in a very enjoyable discussion in which Dr. M. C. Ellis, Dr. J. W. Crawford and Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett took part

Report on Digest of Letters was read by Chairman C. K. Avent and adopted.

Report on Finances was read by Chairman F. E. Cotton and adopted.

Report on Nomination was read by C. K. Avent and adopted. (See report.)

On Motion the Clerk was instructed to ask Churches for additional funds for printing minutes, and was allowed adequate conpensation for his services in the preparation of the minutes. Adjoured.

7 P. M. After a tender, sweet devotional service, consisting largely of song and prayer, the report on Pastoral Support was read by H. A. Donahoo and provoked quite an interesting discussion by L. F. Rogers, Dr. J. W. Crawford, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett and others.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk of this Association were authorized and instructed to change the meeting date of this Associaion if arrangements could not be perfected whereby the County Fair and the meeting of this body would not conflict.

8 P. M. Rev. W. L. Howze, of Sardis, preached a sweet and forceful sermon to a most excellent congregation.

Sunday, 9 A. M. After an interesting devotional service conducted by the Moderator, the whole Sunday School question was considered in brief, by pleasing and helpful round table discussion, and quite a number spoke. Special emphasis was placed on organization, equipment, attendance, and efficient teaching.

11 A. M. Dr. M. D. Jeffries, of Memphis, preached a most prac-

tical and timely sermon to a large and appreciative audience. Adjourned.

3 P. M. This period was given over to the consideration of Christian Education and after brief speeches by H. A. Donahoo and others, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett delivered a truly great and timely address on this question of almost supreme moment. A motion prevailed to request the Clerk to publish all reports in condensed form.

A vote of thanks was extended to the membership of Hickory Grove Church and people of the community for cordial and elaborate provision for all visitors. Adjourned to meet at Mt. Manna Church, at 10 A. M., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1922.

B. F. WHITTEN, Moderator.
J. P. STAMPS, Clerk.

CONDENSED MISSION REPORTS.

Foreign Missions.

We have now 611 Churches, 187 of these are self-supporting; 347 own their houses of worship. We have 405 Missionaries under appointment of our Board. We sent out 73 last year and 52 this year. Baptisms reported this year, 6,998. Native workers employed, 978. We have 21 Missionary Physicians, who treated 154,070 cases last year. We have 632 schools with a total attendance of 22,866 students. Of these 284 are studying for the ministry. The receipts of our Foreign Mission Board for last year were $2,432,000.

Home Missions.

Our Home Mission Board is a great interstate and unifying organization among Southern Baptists. Just now our city problems are great and serious. Our work is laid out on greatly increased basis, and only heroic efforts can save us from heavy indebtedness. We have about 40 preaching and singing evangelists. Over 15,000 baptisms reported last year. We have one and one-half million dollars invested in mountain schools. Our board aided 824 Churches in building last year. We have over $400,000 invested in a T. B. Sanitarium, treating nearly 300 patients, and we are also planning a great hospital in New Orleans.

State Missions.

In few states has so great advancement been made in State Mission work. For the two years closing with the 1921 Convention, the appropriation to State Missions have been $280,000. Our Board employs 7 State Workers, 20 Associational Missionaries, 3 Sunday School workers, 3 B. Y. P. U. Workers, 2 W. M. U. Workers, 2 Educational Workers and 15 other special workers. We supplemented the salary of 104 pastors, aided 61 Churches in building at a total expenditure of $109,297. Nearly 12,000 baptisms were reported in revival meetings of 1921.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Mississippi Baptists have the following colleges under their control: Mississippi College, at Clinton, with an enrollment of 391 pupils, 95 of whom are Ministerial students. Woman's College, Hattiesburg, with an enrollment of 500 students; Blue Mountain College, of Blue Mountain, with an enrollment of 392; Clark Memorial College, at Newton, Miss., with an enrollment of 120; a total of 1,403 students under denominational training in the state. We can never fully realize what these schools will mean in the future of our denomination and country, but they must all be judiciously guarded in management, and heroically supported in order to secure the largest results.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention we have 20,420 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of nearly 2,000,000. Our Sunday

School Board receipts for last Conventional year were $1,147,721.00. Our Board co-operated in the employment of all of our Sunday School workers in the various states. In Mississippi we have as good as the best Sunday School force, and in addition to our summer Normals and encampments, we have done quite a deal of Church-to-Church work. No department of our work has had better leadership or greater advancement, but the fields are yet white unto the harvest in enlistment, equipment and training.

LAYMEN'S WORK.

Possibly the mightiest opportunity before Southern Baptists today is the enlistment of our laymen for greater service. Dr. J. T. Henderson is at the head of our laymen's work in the South and progress in organization and enlistment has been really inspiring for the past two years. The tithing campaign proposed by our laymen and endorsed by our last Convention, whereby we hoped to secure one-half million by the close of this calendar year, is one of the most hopeful movements ever inaugurated for substantial and permanent advance of Kingdom work. Let us all fall heartily into this great movement and push on to success.

HOSPITALS.

We have at Memphis one of the largest and best equipped hospitals to be found in the land, a large and beautifully furnished nurses' home nearing completion and one of the greatest schools for nurses anywhere to be found. Over 45,000 people have been treated there since the hospital was founded. 700 Mississippians have been treated there this past year. We treated nearly 500 people free of charge this past year. It is indeed a great and growing work, and should have place in our earnest prayers and liberal gifts.

We also have a splendid hospital at Jackson, and while the buildings are as yet inadequate, we are making strides toward a great hospital work in our capital city. Over 1,000 patients were treated there this year, and 161 of these were treated free, at a total cost of nearly $6,000. So fast as we can, we are enlarging and equipping our building. We hope soon to be able to do X-Rray service. Our nurses' school is gradually enlarging, and already we can use some of our own graduate nurses. Let us push this great task to completion for the Glory of God and the good of the sick and the suffering.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Our State Board supplemented the salary of Bro. Earl Ferrell at Salem and Strayhorn, and supported Bro. G. H. Boone for eight months as Missionary in DeSoto and Tate Counties. Also paid Hickory Grove Church $400.00 on Church building, thus making a total expenditure in our Association alone of about $1,600.00. This was indeed a liberal allowance to our field, considering the destitution all over our state.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We have at last come to the rescue of our aged and dependent Ministers in a more substantial way. Our Relief and Annuity Board, located at Dallas, Texas, comes in for a good share of our $75,000,000 fund, and this income, with other gifts, have enabled us to increase the aid given to dependent ministers 60 per cent over previous years. We had about 800 of our preachers and their dependents on our help list this past year. Even if our preachers were all paid good salaries and were able to lay by for old age, it would ever be that sickness and misfortune of one kind or another, will make it necessary to maintain a work like this, and it should be done out of appreciation for our own blessings and the services of the men of God who have given themselves in unselfish service to a lost world.

B. Y. P. U.

We have now approximately 500 Unions in the state. This past year our field and local forces together organized some 200 of these. We have splendid study courses and a standard of excellence to keep before our young people. We seek to organize new Unions and develop those we now have. Our own association is now pledged to an annual county B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Encampment, and judging from our experiences in our first encampment last summer, we have the prospect of greater things than we had ever dreamed. Let us be inspired by this hope to make the effort of our lives to push this good and great work in our association.

ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is now in its 25th year. We are caring for an average of about 150 children all the while. We feed, clothe, school and win them to the Lord. We own our own buildings, farm and workshops of various kinds. We are in good financial shape just now, and will continue this great work without debt if our people will continue their generous offerings and pay their campaign pledges. No work we do is nearer the hearts of our people than caring for dependent children, and surely we could not better honor God than by this splendid service.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We had a most excellent report on woman's work, but since their love, loyalty and labors will be given in tabulated form in their own report, which is a part of this record, we will only express our heart's appreciation for their great services.

PROHIBITION.

We record with deepest gratitude the progress made in this country in the interest of prohibition, both in the legislaive and executed fields of activity, but by no means can we afford to slacken our efforts. We now have splendid prohibition laws, but, almost strange to

say, a large majority of the American people, and among them a host of professing Christians, do not want it enforced, and we now have a herculean task before us in the enforcement of our laws. Let us pray, sing, preach, write, and vote until we have driven the demon of strong drink off the face of this earth.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

This report stresses two things in particular. Moral support and financial support. However well a preacher may be supported financially he is unable to do extensive and efficient work without the moral support of his people. It is indeed sad to admit that some of our churches are failing at this point even more than the other. If a church must be weak one way or the other, then let it fail in money and not in moral support, for we can care for an old worn-out preacher, but we cannot mend a crippled ministry.

NOMINATIONS.

Executive Board.

Coldwater Church ..... E. C. Turley
Hickory Grove Church ..... Dr. J. W. Crawford
Mt. Manna Church ..... L. F. Rogers
Hopewell Church ..... W. W. May
Senatobia Church ..... E. E. Moore
Salem Church ..... A. G. Mabry
Strayhorn Church ..... F. E. Cotton
Evansville Church ..... J. M. Walters
Bethel Church ..... T. B. Thornton
Mt. Zion Church ..... J. A. Sandidge
Tyro Church ..... K. A. Eoff
Wyatt Church ..... Lee Hicks
Looxahoma Church ..... S. H. Royal
New Hope Church ..... Charles Howell

State Board Member

B. F. Whitten.

MISSION REPORTS FOR 1922 SESSION.

Foreign Missions ..... B. W. Berry
State Missions ..... M. S. Dougherty
Home Missions ..... C. K. Avent
Associational Missions ..... R. D. Williams
Sunday Schools ..... Sam C. Stevens
Christian Education ..... Chas. H. Moffatt
Ministerial Relief ..... W. C. Underwood

Hospitals.....Dr. E. L. Collins
Orphanage.....Mrs. W. A. May
Pastoral Support.....R. D. Jacobs
Woman's Work.....Mrs. E. C. Turley
B. Y. P. U.....B. L. Eckles
Prohibition.....Mrs. M. M. Powell

WOMAN'S WORK.

The W. M. U. of the Tate County Association met at 2 o'clock Friday, October 14th, and organized by the election of Mrs. B. F. Whitten, Superintendent; Mrs. C. M. Yates, Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Turley, Mission Study Leader; Miss Lizzie Mabry, Personal Service Leader; Mrs. W. A. May, Stewardship Leader, and Miss Lurlyne Hudson Young, People's Leader.

Mrs. M. F. Doughty, District Leader, then gave a very interesting talk on Woman's Work in general and after several timely talks on the work in general, with special emphasis on tithing, the Union adjourned to meet at Mt. Manna church at the same time of the association. The table below will give a partial report of the activities of this organization, together with the names and address of the officers.

MRS. B. F. WHITTEN, Supt
MRS. C. M. YATES, Sec.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

Bethel—B. I. Thornton, Walter Ingram, Mrs. Walter Ingram.

Central Coldwater—B. F. Whitten, M. S. Dougherty, C. K. Avent, Mrs. B. F. Whitten, Mrs. C. M. Yates.

Evansville—J. F. Brandon, S. A. McIver, E. G. Savage, J. W. Morris.

Hopewell—W. W. May, W. C. Underwood, Mrs. Loma McGaha.

Hickory Grove—W. J. Crawford, B. E. Mayfield, R. J. McPherson, Mrs. J. W. Crawford, H. A. Donahu.

LOOXAHOMA—S. A. Royal, I. N. McPherson, G. C. Gordon.

Mt. Zion—R. D. Jacobs, Mrs. R. D. Jacobs, Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Mrs. Ina Poindexter, Mrs. W. C. Benard, Mrs. J. A. Sandidge, T. D. Pope, J. C. Grayham.

Mt. Manna—L. F. Rogers, Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, Mrs. J. E. Hudson, C. C. Stevens.

New Hope—J. J. Williams, Joe White.

Senatobia—J. P. Stamps, W. M. Haltom, Dr. M. C. Ellis, M. P. Moore, Dr. R. D. Williams.

Salem—H. A. Price, Mrs. H. A. Price, Miss Myrtle Price.

Strayhorn—F. E. Cotton, N. A. Spencer, G. W. Howe.

Tyro—K. A. Eoff, J. L. Brantley, Mrs. Dr. Collins, Miss Burnice Durley.

Wyatte—J. W. Steward, Mrs. J. W. Steward, G. W. Float, R. L. Hicks, Mrs. Nannie Avent.

Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss.; Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett, Charleston, Miss.; Dr. J. P. Farrow, Wynne, Ark.; Rev. J. L. Price, Eudora, Miss.; Mrs. Doughty, Shaw, Miss.; Rev. W. L. Howse, Sardis, Miss.

OUR DEAD.

J. A. Stoward, J. S. Byrd, Sallie Fennell, W. H. South, R. H. Johnson, Roy McMaster, Hattie Mabry, H. G. Smith, R. H. Bell, D. B. Sharp, J. B. Pegram, Mrs. B. A. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. R. Dougherty, A. G. Atkins, Joe Holder, Mrs. Joe Holder, Mrs. E. J. Lipsey, Mrs. Bell Mayfield.

NOTES BY MODERATOR AND CLERK.

1. Under the instruction of the association the reports read have been greatly abbreviated, but we have sought to give the cream of them all.

2. So few letters gave Sunday School statistics that we thought best not to give a table for that purpose in this issue, but at least 12 of our 14 churches have Sunday schools and some of them are quite excellent.

3. We very earnestly urge that our Clerks give full information in their 1922 letter to this body for in no other way can we put out a creditable minute.

4. We further urge that a liberal amount be sent up to the association with the letters for printing minutes so as to avoid the necessity of so much correspondence and delay.

5. The delay of this issue is incident in part to an effort on our part to obtain fuller information, and in part because of inadequate funds.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK

Churches	75 Million Campaign	Orphanage	Personal Service	White Cross	Home Uses	Book Fund	Total	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Coldwater	$941.00	$171.75	$177.80	$8.30	$325.85		$1,624.70	Mrs. M. S. Dougherty	Mrs. R. A. Jackson
G. A.'s	20.00	5.00				1.50	26.50	Miss Jane Embry	Miss Clyde Gains
R. A.'s	5.00						5.00	Allie Ballard	Robt. Jackson
Sunbeams								Mrs. Howard Hawkins	Annie Joe Austin
Hickory Grove	66.75		1.00	2.00	90.00		159.75	Mrs. W. B. Crenshaw	Mrs. Bryant Crawford
Hopewell	165.00	25.00	71.40	4.50			265.92	Mrs. W. A. May	Mrs. H. L. Murphy
Mt. Zion	100.75	10.00	1.00	4.50	2.70		118.81	Mrs. Ida Poindexter	Mrs. Elmer Jones
Senatobia	768.70	206.00	123.00	11.38	2.50		1,111.58	Miss Lena Moore	Mrs. R. Brickell

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS, AND P. O. ADDRESSES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O. ADDRESSES	CLERKS	P. O. ADDRESS
Bethel	X		W. H. Ingram	Coldwater
Coldwater	B. F. Written	Coldwater	W. S. Dougherty	Coldwater
Evansville	J. E. Eoff	Memphis	B. D. Lee	Sarah
Hopewell	B. F. Whitten	Coldwater	W. W. May	Arkabutla
Hickory Grove	B. F. Whitten X	Coldwater	J. W. Crawford	Coldwater
Looxahoma	W. B. Bruce X	Senatobia	J. G. Gordon	Looxahoma
Mt. Zion	B. F. Whitten	Coldwater	J. C. Graham	Coldwater
Mt. Manna	J. C. Shultz	Memphis	J. R. Pryor	Coldwater
New Hope	J. C. Shultz	Memphis	R. L. Payton	Coldwater
Salem	Earl Ferrell X	Longtown	A. G. Mabry	Senatobia
Strayhorn	Earl Ferrell	Longtown	Clyde Ash	Sarah
Senatobia	W. B. Bruce X	Senatobia	L. M. Blanchard	Senatobia
Tyro	W. E. Lee	Como	E. C. Durley	Tyro
Wyatte	W. E. Lee	Como	R. L. Hicks	Wyatte

X No pastor at present
Rev. R A Spencer, Sarah, Miss. R.F.D.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES	75 Million Fund	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Minister	Incidental Expenses	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses	Minute Fund	Total Home Expenses	Grand Total
Bethel								
Coldwater	$2,313.81	$1,000.00	$125.00	$169.00	$80.00	$5.00	$1,479.28	$3,793.09
Evansville		50.00	35.00					85.00
Hopewell	165.00	300.00	30.00	216.42	50.00		596.42	761.42
Hickory Grove	175.00	200.00	20.00	1,413.50	189.10		1,427.50	1,920.60
Looxahoma		150.00	35.00			.85		185.85
Mt. Zion	294.03	500.00	45.00	350.00	55.00	1.70	951.70	1,245.73
Mt. Manna	72.67	89.00	28.95	21.50		2.75	139.45	214.87
New Hope	4.00	50.00				1.00		55.00
Senatobia	3,715.61	750.00	205.00	625.00	100.00	5.00	1,585.00	5,300.61
Salem	40.00	22.45	2.20			1.00		70.65
Strayhorn			25.00	3.50		3.50		28.50
Tyro		300.00		30.00		5.00		335.00
Wyatte	162.50	125.00		2.50	20.00	7.50		317.15

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Reported last year	INCREASE					DECREASE					Gain or Loss	Present Membership	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Meeting Days
		By Baptism	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Total	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Total					
Bethel																
Central Coldwater	175	10			4	14	8			6	14		175	160	15	1 & 3
Evansville	157	9	1	1	2	13	7			2	9	4	161			4
Hopewell	139	1			2	3	4			1	5	2	137			4
Hickory Grove	97	25			5	30	2				2	28	125	115	10	2 & 3
Looxahoma					1											
Mt. Zion	343	21	1		2	24	20			1	21	3	346	298	46	2
Mt. Manna	90	12			2	14	9				9	5	95	75	20	4
New Hope	40						2									4
Senatobia	349	4			26	30	24	1		4	1	1	350	300	50	1,2,3,4
Salem	43			1		44	1			2	3	2	41	30	11	3
Strayhorn	36	11				11	1			1	2	9	45	30	15	1
Tyro	72	1				1				1	1		72	60	12	2
Wyatte	86	11			3	14				1	13		99	86	13	2